

HOW CHINESE KILLED WOMEN.

Three Eye-Witnesses of the Terrible Massacre Give Testimony.

VICTIMS OF KU CHENG RIOT.

Several Were Butchered in the Beds by the Murderous Vegetarians.

OFFICIALS KNEW OF THE PLOT.

The Investigating Commission Arrives at the Scene, Meeting No Opposition.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 9.—Private letters from Shanghai just received here announce that the Commission appointed by the British and American Governments to investigate the Ku Cheng massacre of Aug. 1 reached Foo Chow Aug. 15, Bulow two days later, and Ku Cheng Aug. 17, without a shadow of molestation from the barbarous hordes alleged by Chinese officials to have established a reign of terror throughout the province.

The Commission consisted of the British Consul, Mr. R. W. Mansfield, the American Consul, Col. J. Courtney Hixson; the British Vice-Consul, E. L. Allen, from Padoga Anchorage; Lieut. Evans, of the United States steamship Detroit; the Rev. W. B. Anslister, representing the English Church Missionary Society, and Dr. Gregory, of the American M. E. Mission, and an escort of but 100 of the Viceroy's ill-armed and poorly disciplined soldiers, a circumstance which supports but feebly the Chinese contention that the massacre was entirely beyond official prevention, owing to the country being in revolt.

The Commission had at last advice received the statements of three witnesses, Dr. Gregory, of the American Mission at Foo Chow; Rev. H. E. Phillips and Miss Harman, of Ku Cheng, the latter two having been eye-witnesses of the fearful scenes of Aug. 1.

Rev. Mr. Phillips tell how he was awakened at 6 in the morning by shouting in the direction of the Steward's house. He at first thought it was children playing, but soon recognized the voices of excited men. He dressed hastily and went over.

"I was met a few yards from my dwelling," he said, "by a native friend,

who, while throwing his arms around me, to detain me, told me the Vegetarians had come. I shook him off and went on, and soon came in sight of the house from which forty or fifty bandits were carrying loads of plunder, their leader holding aloft a small red flag. I crept up a hill in the brushwood and concealed myself behind two trees.

"After a minute or two the retreat horn sounded and the Vegetarians began to leave, first, however, setting fire to the houses. Ten minutes after this every Vegetarian had gone. I came down and looked about the front of the house, but could see nothing of any one. I feared something dreadful had happened, as I heard the Vegetarians as they left say: 'Now, all the foreigners are killed.'"

"I just then met one of the servants, who told me the Chinese were in the house in which Miss Hartford, of the American mission, was staying. I found Mr. Hartford's daughter Mildred with a serious wound on her arm and another severe cut. When I had washed these I turned to Mr. Steward's son, who was fearfully hacked and cut everywhere.

"Then Miss Cordington sent me a message that she, too, was in the house. I found her in a fearful condition, with cold water and rags we managed to staunch the bleeding. She begged me not to wait, as she thought Tony Saunders was still alive.

"I then rushed to the back of the house, and found the bodies of Miss Saunders, Miss Steward, Miss Gordon and Miss Marshall. The latter was awfully cut, her head being almost severed, but beyond the wounds given in the struggle the bodies were not mutilated. Later I found Miss Cordington's body at the foot of the hill in the front of the house, where it had been thrown.

Ordered to "Kill and Spare Not." "Presently Miss Hartford arrived. She had received a cut under one ear, but had been saved from death by a native Christian. I learned later that the five ladies of the Zenana Mission Society, who lived in two houses which form the Ku Cheng sanitarium, made a futile attempt to escape, but were immediately surrounded. Some of the Vegetarians were inclined to spare them, but were ordered by their leader to carry out their orders: 'Kill and spare not.' Had they been able to escape into the brushwood, there seems little doubt they might have been saved.

"Mr. and Mrs. Steward were killed as they sprang from bed. Lena, the nurse, died while protecting the baby, whom Kathleen managed to carry out of the house, though not before the baby's eyes had been cut out. Miss Nellie Saunders was also knocked down at the nursery door when doing to help the children, and as we afterwards found the remains of a burned body there, we had little doubt that it was hers. For a long time we thought Mr. and Mrs. Steward had escaped, but later it was found that they had been killed in what had been their bedroom.

"The Hua Sang people seemed to have had, as a whole, no hand in the affair, though doubtless four or five Vegetarian families were concerned."

The Mob Numbered 100.

Miss Hartford says the whole terrible affair was over in thirty minutes and that the attacking party numbered about one hundred, well organized.

der one leader. Her own terrible experience she relates thus: "I heard shouts and yells in the streets, and putting on my clothes, I rushed to the door, to be met by a man with a trident and spear, who yelled: 'Here's a foreign woman.' The man pointed his spear at my breast, but I twisted the weapon to one side and it just grazed my ear and head. He then threw me to the ground and beat me with the wooden end of the spear, but a servant came, who wrenched the weapon away and told me to fly. I jumped down the embankment and ran along the road. The man followed to the side of the hill, where I lay down to get breath. After resting twice, I reached a secluded spot and lay there. "All this time the yells went on and the houses were burning. After a while the yells stopped and we supposed the Vegetarians had gone. Then the servant went to see how matters were. He returned in half an hour, telling me to come home and that five ladies of the English mission had been killed and some of the wounded were at my house. This was a native house and was not troubled at all."

Dr. Gregory tells how the news was first brought to him by messenger from Rev. Mr. Phillips, and how, when he went at once to the Yamen, he found hundreds of people already gathered there.

"The District Magistrate, Wong, told me he would immediately go to Hwangshang," narrated Dr. Gregory, "taking some sixty soldiers with him, and at 3 P. M. I left under an escort of thirteen soldiers and arrived at Hwangshang at 8, to find that nine adults, all English subjects, had been murdered, and that all those alive at Hwangshang had been severely injured. I at once set to work to make the injured as comfortable as possible, and found my task was indeed a difficult one."

Says Native Officials Knew of the Plot.

After describing the extent and nature of the injuries inflicted, Dr. Gregory says:

"The massacre was undoubtedly committed by some members of the secret society known as the Vegetarians, and the murder was done to order, deliberately planned and executed by a party of eighty men, armed with spears and swords, and showing emphatic evidence of military discipline. The members of the mission band had no suspicion of the attack, which was swift and terrible, the whole affair being over in much less time than it takes me to write it."

Though Dr. Gregory does not hold the native officials responsible for having been directly concerned in the massacre, he believes they had knowledge that it was contemplated, but remained inactive owing to their dread of the Vegetarians' power. For the same reason, he says that unless Great Britain and the United States assert themselves with emphasis the matter will go no further than a formal inquiry that will ascertain nothing more than the horrible facts already well known, and perhaps an expression of official regret—small reparations for the Christian lives lost.

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IS BIMETALLISM HOPELESS?

London Graphic Says Balfour Virtually Confesses It.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Graphic thinks that the bimetallic will get cold comfort out of Hon. A. J. Balfour's letter, explaining his recent utterance in Parliament against the feasibility of an international conference.

"The latter," the Graphic says, "virtually confesses that the cause of which he is the most prominent champion is hopeless. This is, that every assumption of a theoretical excellence of the bimetallic system, there is not sufficient motive power behind the nations to unmake the currency and other revolutions which please the academic disputants. In America returning prosperity has forced the silver men into silence."

The Daily News says on the same subject: "Mr. Balfour's letter is one of the most extraordinary documents that was ever signed by a British Minister. Mr. Balfour is now the authorized exponent of the Government's financial policy. What he says the Treasury says. Is it to be believed that the First Lord of the Treasury should treat the gold standard as a mere subject of academic debate? He does not seem to grasp the monometallist's view of the situation. A 14th-century Archbishop of Canterbury would not be more incongruous than a bimetallic First Lord of the Treasury."

Oil Trust Buying Petroleum and Naphtha in Russia.

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ern France, has made a compromise on the question of allowing bull fights, and has issued orders to permit the bull fights in Provence, but on condition that the bulls must not be killed in the Spanish manner.

Steamship Companies Combine to Raise Rates to America.

BERLIN, Sept. 9.—An agreement has been entered into between German and British steamship companies, under which there will be a considerable advance in freight and passenger rates to America. The agreement will go into effect Oct. 1.

Pope Approves Dr. Kennedy for American College Rector.

ROME, Sept. 9.—The Pope has approved the nomination of the Rev. Dr. Kennedy to be Rector of the American College at Rome.

This Paris Bomb May Turn Out to Be a Hoax.

PARIS, Sept. 9.—The alleged bomb found outside the Palais de Justice in Paris this morning is probably a hoax.

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National Military Park Dedication.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 9.—The National flag was raised yesterday with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of several thousand people at Camp Daniel S. Lamont, Chattanooga-Chattanooga National Military Park. Already many persons have arrived for the dedication exercises. Several building-houses have reported their accommodations as being already occupied. The local committee, however, profess themselves as able to take care of all who may apply for quarters.

Mr. Aldridge's Condition Improved.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The condition of State Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge, who is ill with appendicitis at his Albany home, 213 State street, is very favorable this morning. Dr. Van der Veer, the consulting surgeon, said this morning that, while an operation might ultimately become necessary, the immediate prospect of one was destroyed by the patient's almost unbroken improvement.

Actor Brodie's Summer Home.

Bridge-Jumper Steve Brodie has bought a country place at Harrison, N. Y. The price paid was \$10,000, and the new property is styled by Brodie's brother as "a gentleman's estate." The estate-jumper is said to be worth \$100,000.

Canadian Poet "Scrapie" Dead.

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 9.—E. Brownlow, better known to the literary world as "Scrapie," died yesterday, aged thirty-eight. He was considered Canada's foremost poet.

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